



Leading Voice in Health Care Debate

- Long-time supporter of health reform and invited by President Obama to participate in White House Health Care Forum on March 15, 2009
- Introduced MedPAC Reform Act of 2009 to take reimbursement rates out of the influence of politics
- House cosponsor of bipartisan Healthy Americans Act (known as Wyden-Bennett in the Senate)
- Teaches Health Care Policy at Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Management

Fighting for America's Long-Term Fiscal Future

- Advocate of statutory PAYGO requiring Congress to pay for its spending policies
- Introduced bipartisan SAFE Commission Act to create a long-term entitlement reform task force, with support from House Majority and Minority Leaders and 100 other House colleagues
- Wrote foreword to and published *The 2006 Financial Report of the United States*, official U.S. Treasury document outlining country's fiscal health

Reforming the Nation's Security Strategy

- Member of House Armed Services Committee
- Appointed by the Chairman of HASC to the Defense Acquisition Reform Panel
- Serves on HASC Subcommittees including Oversight and Investigations, Air and Land Forces, Terrorism, and Unconventional Threats and Capabilities
- Co-Author, 2009 "Real Acquisition Reform" in Joint Forces Quarterly
- Author, 2008 "Initial Perspectives" Roles and Mission report on America's 21st Century national security posture

What Commentators Say about Jim Cooper's Work in Congress

- "...one of the most thoughtful, cordial and well-prepared members of the House." – David Brooks, *New York Times*, February 5, 2008
- "The House of Representatives is a body that produces few stars, but Jim Cooper of Tennessee is a household name inside the Beltway. He is viewed by the well-funded budget-hawk constituency as one of its most articulate advocates. Among his colleagues he has a reputation as a wonk and an intellectual...and as the philosopher for the caucus of forty-nine conservative House Democrats known as the Blue Dogs." – Christopher Hayes, *The Nation*, February 11, 2009
- "Rep. Jim Cooper is the Al Gore of financial collapse." – Patrick O'Connor, *Politico*, February 17, 2009
- "A Democratic crusader for honestly balanced budgets." – David Broder, *Washington Post*, February 11, 2007
- "In Washington we call him 'Mr. Fiscal Responsibility.'" – Isabel Sawhill, The Brookings Institution, July 16, 2007
- "Intellectual giant in our nation's Capitol" – *Business Tennessee*, April 2008

In Brief

Jim Cooper (D-TN) has represented Nashville and surrounding areas in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2002. An attorney and Rhodes Scholar, Cooper was first elected at age 28 to represent Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District (1983-95). He and his wife Martha have three children and live in Nashville.